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Date Complaint Received: 2/18/14
Complaint Received By: Chad Reckling, SW II
Provider Name and Location: Gerry Inghram 5982 Summer St Burlington IA 52601
Complaint: It was reported to the department that Gerry has two adult individuals living in her basement that have not been properly background checked. Rule Basis: IAC 110.7(3) Record checks. The department shall submit record checks in Iowa for each registrant, substitute, and staff member, and for anyone living in the home who is 14 years of age or older and anyone having access to a child when the child is alone. The purpose of these record checks is to determine whether the person has committed a transgression.
Findings: 2/19/14 This worker went to the daycare home this morning and confronted Gerry on the allegations presented before the department. There was one daycare child present. Gerry stated that she does have two adult individuals currently residing at her house. Gerry indicated that they were present currently in the home during today's visit. This worker asked Gerry why she did not disclose this information during the 1/30/14 compliance visit to the home when this worker specifically asked Gerry if anyone else was residing in her home. Gerry thought that because the household member was not permanently residing with her that it did not matter. This worker explained that if anyone was present in the daycare home that could have access to the daycare children alone that we would need to get them background checked. Gerry explained that sometimes these adults will switch their locations where they stay at. Gerry stated that she has other adult aged grandchildren come over and hang out in the basement while she does daycare sometimes. This worker stated that if they are at the daycare home and can have access to daycare children alone that they should be background checked. Gerry stated that these people are household members of daycare providers themselves. This worker stated that then they would already have background checks for the department if this were the case for these individuals. Based on the provider's admission during today's visit this daycare complaint is substantiated . This worker also checked out Gerry's bathroom area that is utilized by her school-aged daycare children. This worker did observe some items that need to be placed in child inaccessible areas and observed a candle wax warmer on and in the bathroom. This worker instructed Gerry that she needed to unplug or place all candle wax warmers in child inaccessible areas during her daycare hours of operation and told her to check all items in her bathroom for "Keep Out of Reach of children" labels and place them in either child locked areas or child inaccessible areas. A full compliance visit was not completed today as one had been conducted on 1/30/14.
Resolution: Gerry will contact the Central Registration Unit by the end of the day (2/18/14) to request a change application form to add her adult individuals residing with her and will have all fingerprinting completed and background check forms sent in to the Central Registration Unit by 2/27/14 . Gerry will have all items of non-compliance identified in the 1/30/14 visit to her home completed by 3/20/14 . A follow up visit will be completed by this worker in order to determine if all items of concern have been resolved.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at (319) 208-5521 or creckli@dhs.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

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